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1. (Unclassified - GLC) Per the Director's instructions I called Mr. Larry McHugh, Joint Economic Committee staff, and told him that while the Director wanted to be helpful he would prefer to help the Committee in its August hearings on the Soviet economy by providing information to the Committee through the State Department as we did in 1969. This was an arrangement which was worked out between Senator Proxmire and the Director personally. McHugh asked about the appearance of other Agency witnesses and I told him the Director was normally the only spokesman for the Agency with the Congress and both we and our Committees prefer to keep it that way. McHugh seemed to accept this arrangement, at least for the moment, but said he would discuss it with Senator Proxmire to be sure it was agreeable with him. He will let me know the results of that conversation.

2. (Secret - GLC) Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and left with him the copy of the portion of the Agency's briefing statement on Laos which was given to the Senate Appropriations Committee's Intelligence Operations Subcommittee at our budget hearing last Friday. Braswell expressed his continuing concern over the problems Senator Stennis will encounter on the Senate floor when he brings up the Defense procurement authorization bill. He said Senator Stennis is considering sending letters to the Secretary of Defense and to the Director in an attempt to pin down the Administration's plans for operations in Laos for fiscal 1972. It was clear that Braswell needed the kind of background briefing we have given our other CIA Subcommittee staff members so I arranged for [redacted] to brief him later in the day on the situation in Laos. Mr. Jim Woolsey, of the Committee staff, also attended this briefing. Both men found the briefing very helpful for they feel certain that one or more of the Senate members will call for a secret session on Laos when the procurement bill is being discussed.

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3. (Secret - GLC) In response to his request, left with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, a copy of the briefing statement on Laos which was used in our budget hearing on 11 June.

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